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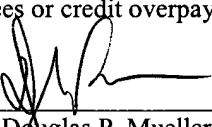
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action on June 10, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the original patent U.S. 6,021,303.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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